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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/848,951	HERMAN ET AL.
	Examiner Chuck Kendall	Art Unit 2122

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --  
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM  
THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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#### Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 May 2004.  
 2a) This action is FINAL.                                    2b) This action is non-final.  
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 2-28 is/are pending in the application.  
 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.  
 6) Claim(s) 2-28 is/are rejected.  
 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.  
 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
     Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
     Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
 a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:  
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. This action is in response to the application filed 05/03/01.
2. Claim 1 has been cancelled and claims 2 –28 are pending.

### **Double Patenting**

3. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Claim 2 - 28 is rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claim 1 of U. S. Patent No. 5,954,826 since the claims, if allowed, would improperly extend the "right to exclude" already granted in the patent.

The subject matter claimed in the instant application is fully disclosed in the patent and is covered by the patent since the patent and the application are claiming common subject matter, as follows:

Application limitations	Equivalent Prior Art limitations
Claim 2 : " a method... obtaining a first set of file information of at least one reference file;	Claim 1: " a method.... receiving reference file input information ....
obtaining a second set of file information of at least one source file;	receiving source file input information...
accessing data stored in said at least one reference file using said first set of file information, and data stored in said at least one source file using said second set of file information, obtaining data analysis criteria for analyzing said data stored in said at least one reference file against said data stored in said at least one source file;...	receiving data analysis criteria from the user via said data analysis interface; performing data analysis using said reference file input information, source file input information, and data analysis criteria; and
displaying results of said analyzing to a user via a data analysis interface."	displaying results of said data analysis to the user via said data analysis interface".
Claim 3: "...wherein said obtaining said first set of file information further comprises displaying an interface in response to said user selecting a page tab".	Claim 2: " wherein at least one of said reference file input interface, said source file input interface, and said data analysis interface comprises a page, and wherein at least one of said steps of displaying comprises displaying a respective interface in response to the user selecting a respective page tab.
Claim 4: "...	Claim 3:"...

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wherein said displaying said interface further comprises displaying file information of a plurality of files from a plurality of file directories".

Claim 5: "...wherein said displaying said interface further comprises displaying a directory display area from which a user can select a directory, and from which said user can select said at least one reference file from said directory".

Claim 6: "...wherein said displaying said interface further comprises displaying, in a message display area, a message associated with said at least one reference file."

Claim 7.

Claim 8.

Claim 9.

Claim 10.

Claim 11.

Claim 12.

Claim 13.

Claim 14.

Claim 15.

Claim 16: "...computer program product of claim 11, further comprising computer readable program code configured to cause said computer to display an analysis criteria selection area from which said user can select said data analysis criteria."

wherein said step of displaying said reference file input interface comprises: **displaying a directory display area** from which the user can **select a directory**, and from which the user can select a reference file from a selected directory".

Claim 4: "...method of claim 3, wherein said step of displaying said reference file input interface further comprises: displaying a reference file display area comprising a list of selected reference files".

Claim 5: "... wherein said displaying said interface further comprises displaying, in a message display area, a message associated with said at least one reference file."

Claim 8.

Claim 11.

Claim 9.

Claim 10.

Claim 12.

Claim 13.

Claim 14.

Claim 15.

Claim 16.

Claim 19: "wherein said computer readable program code configured to cause a computer to display said data analysis interface comprises: ... program code configured to cause a computer to display an analysis criteria selection area from which the user can select said data

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analysis criteria....".

Claim 17.

Claim 18.

Claim 19.

Claim 20.

"a processor ; a memory medium coupled to said processor a computer program executing in said memory medium said computer program in a computer System, an apparatus comprising:

a first set of file information comprising at least one reference file;

a second set of file information comprising at least one source file;  
data stored in said at least one reference file accessible using said first set of file information, and data stored in said at least one source file accessible using said second set of file information;  
data analysis criteria for analyzing said data stored in said at least one reference file against said data stored in said at least one source file; and a user interface for displaying results of said analyzing said data.

Claim 22.

Claim 20:

Claim 21.

Claim 23: "In a computer system, an apparatus comprising:

a reference file input interface from which a user selects reference file input information;

a source file input interface from which the user selects source file input information; and

....data analysis interface from which the user selects data analysis criteria, said data analysis interface displaying results of data analysis performed using said reference file input information, said source file input information, and said data analysis criteria.

Note: Regarding the processor and memory medium coupled to processor not mentioned in Prior art's claim, Examiner believes this limitation to be inherent, the function of analyzing and selection of files

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in a computer system would require a processor and some form of memory.

Claim 21.	Claim 24.
Claim 22.	Claim 25.
Claim 23.	Claim 26.
Claim 24.	Claim 27.
Claim 25.	Claim 30.
Claim 26.	Claim 33.
Claim 27.	Claim 31.
Claim 28.	Claim 32.

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The difference between the claimed invention and the prior art is merely the use of similar language and arrangement of claims, otherwise the claims read identically.

#### **Correspondence Information**

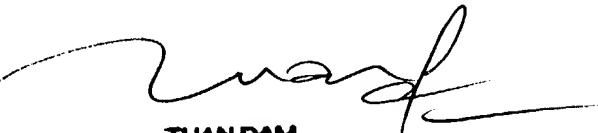
4. Any inquiries concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chuck O. Kendall who may be reached via telephone at (703) 308-6608. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. est.

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